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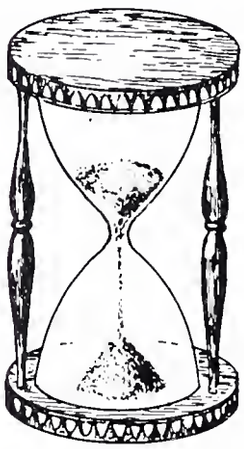
Forward

The years come, and they go. They bring with them memories, fun, friends, and experiences we hope to keep in the years to come. Our yearbook, the Viking, means a great deal to us for it is a means of capturing many of the wonderful times of togetherness and fellowships we have developed over the years. We hope as you look through it, you will enjoy the many experiences that have made our years at Richmond County High School the best of our lives.



Dedication

We, the Senior Class of 1970, dedicate our yearbook, The Viking, to our sponsor, Mrs. Meta T. Sampson. The senior class feels that Mrs. Sampson's five years of guidance have contributed majestically to our approach toward graduation. Mrs. Sampson has a force within her that seems to automatically extend to each and every student and give him the desire to learn. To say thank you would only begin to express our gratitude to her. We feel that her patience and willingness to be of help when we needed her was above and beyond the call of duty. With us her words and advice are well respected. They have helped to encourage us to aim high and have the initiative to push on for an even greater function in life than merely existing.

Tribute To Our Parents

We, the Senior Class of 1970, pay tribute to our parents. We feel that there are no words sincere enough to express our love, gratitude and undying thanks to them. They have struggled so hard and sacrificed so much to see that we obtain an education. To them we dedicate these words.

Dear Mom and Dad, at the thresh-hold we now stand,
And gaze into a big, wide wonderful land.
We know we've come a long, long way,
To reach what will soon be our graduation day.
Although we've worked, studied and planned,
We could not have made it without your guiding hand.

From the very beginning, you did your very best,
To help us face the challenge and meet the test.
We want you to know as we leave to go away,
We'll never forget you, for we have a debt to pay.

And so we say a fond farewell,
What the future will bring, only time can tell.
But we know that we are ready, and we will never forget,
The things you've done for us and the things you're doing yet.

With your example, may we live,
And happiness may we give.
We'll strive to be forever true,
And say again, "a thanks to you."

Lest We Forget

The 1970 Senior Class wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. A. Y. Thompson for her outstanding contribution to education. We are the benefactors of her endeavors and we are grateful that she labored that we might reap the fruits of a high school education.

Mrs. Thompson was one of the individuals whose insight led to the establishment of Richmond County High School. She has been continously active in the field of education and is presently serving as president of our PTA.

We salute you, Mrs. Thompson, and wish for you the best that life has to offer.

Viking Staff

The Viking Staff worked hard to make this publication a success. Seated from left to right are Veronica Thomas, Co–Circulating Manager; Shirley Veney, Typist; Connie Johnson, Typist; Reginia Johnson, Co–Layout Editor; Maxine Henderson, Co–Layout Editor and Margaret Wood, Typist. Standing are Essie Thompson, Activities Editor; Florence Sorrell, Co–Editor; Terry LeVere, Co–Editor; Robert Bailey, Business Manager; Albert Blue, Sports Editor and Willis Taylor, Co–Circulating Editor. Missing from the photograph are Larry Wood, Photographic Editor and Byron Veney, Advertising Editor.

Sponsor's Message

As sponsor of the 1970 Senior Class and advisor of the 1970 Viking Staff, I wish to express my appreciation to the administration, faculty, patrons and advertisers for their help in making our yearbook a success. Your every effort was greatly appreciated.

To the graduating class, those young men and young women with whom I have worked for 5 years, may I express my sincere congratulations. We have shared many exciting moments, have realized many goals, and have encountered a few disappointments.

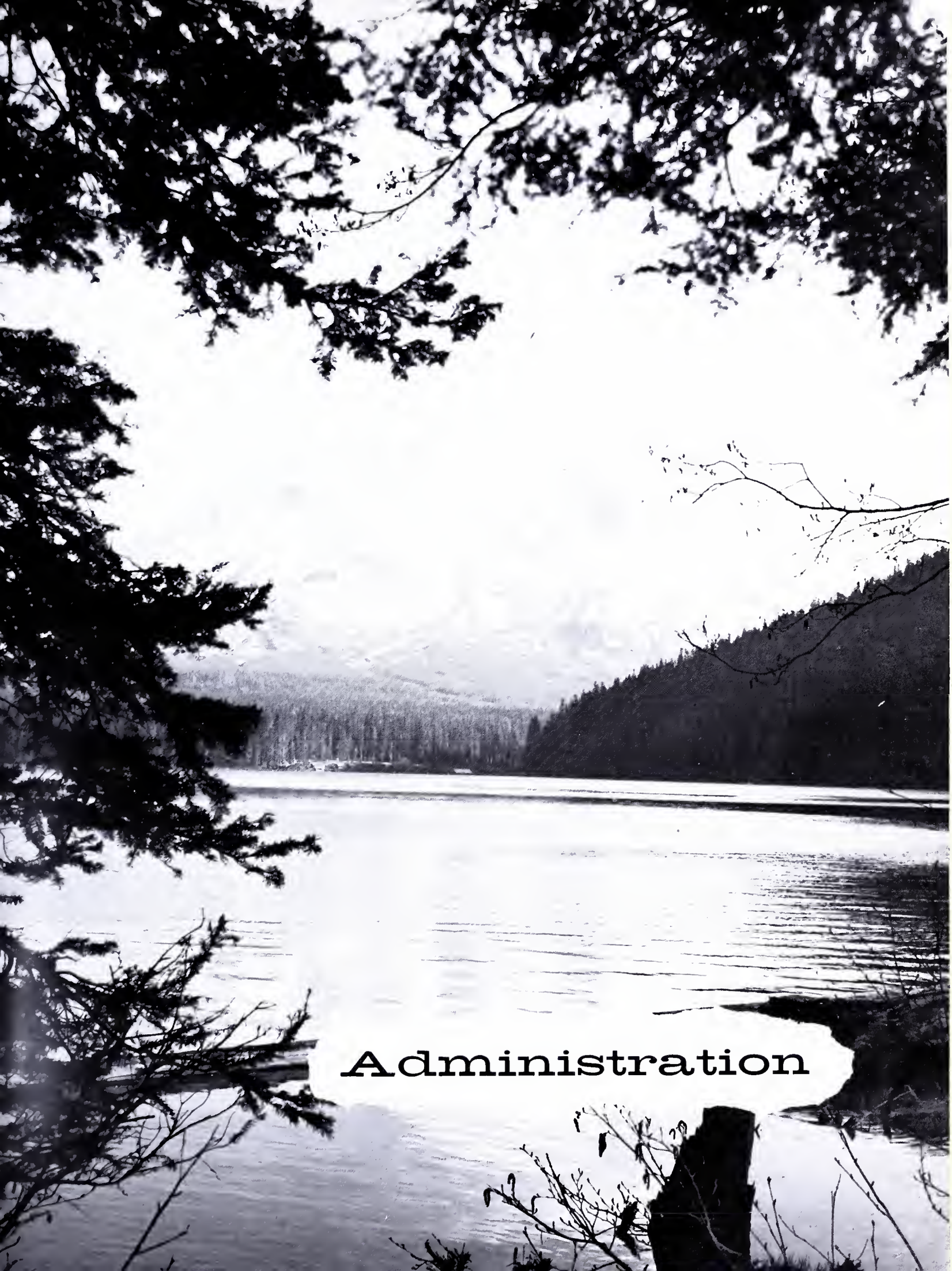
As you leave dear old RCHS, I think of many wishes I might make for you. However, for fear I might omit some wish that would bring you happiness, may I make but one wish and that is: I wish that each of your lives will be as the title of the famed Shakespearean play "As You Like It." I will miss each of you for you were truly symbolic of the best of America's youth.

Our Alma Mater

I know no place that's better
Than the Richmond County High
For the boys and girls you meet are mighty fine
T'is a school that's dedicated
On her council we rely
And she's hard to beat in each and every line

Dear school we're proud of you
Dear school we love you too
True to your purpose, you'll help and guide us
onward and upward to the light of day

Each day we'll do our best
So we can stand the test
We'll praise you forever
Forsake you never
Dear Richmond County High



Administration

Our Principal

Our principal, Mr. W. H. Mackey, has helped make our school one of which we are proud. Mr. Mackey has exercised authority with understanding. We consider him not only our principal but our friend. As the years go by, we will never forget Mr. Mackey and the important part he had in the formation of our educational achievements.

Principal's Message

Richmond County High School In Retrospect

In keeping with the trends of the times and in accordance with the policies and guidelines established by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Richmond County High School will experience a complete transition in its organizational pattern beginning with the school year 1970–1971.

The following historical sketch is a condensed statement of the school's history by Mrs. Augustella Yates Thompson. "The need for a secondary school for Negroes in Richmond County in 1934 grew out of the discontinuance of the Northern Neck Industrial Academy, a secondary school at Ivondale, Virginia, sponsored by the Northern Neck Baptist Association. In July 1934, the citizens of the county banded themselves together under the newly created Richmond County-Wide League and worked arduously and zealously towards the establishment of educational facilities above the seventh grade level. The first officers were: Mrs. Julia G. Page, president: Rev. T. L. Cox, vice-president; Mrs. A. Y. Thompson, secretary, and Rev. J. B. Cox, treasurer. There were eleven feeder elementary schools in the county which supplied pupils for the high school. The following persons represented the communities as listed: Mr. D. R. Thompson, Bethethel; Mrs. W. P. Rich, Cobham Park; Mr. J. E. Carter, Downings; Mr. L. R. Brittian, Drinking Swamp; Mr. W. S. Burton, Ebenezer; Mr. Eddie Rich, Farnham; Mr. J. N. Saunders, Havelock; Mr. H. W. Baylor, Masefield; Mr. Lucius Gordon, Mulberry; Mr. Abner Carter, Piney Grove and Mrs. Addie Southall, Sharps.

The problems of transportation, teachers and other matters related to the operation of an approved high school were solved and the Northern Neck Training School opened in September 1934 with 24 freshmen and former students who had attended the academy. Transportation was made possible through the efforts of the late Sam Shelton, the late J. E. Carter and A. A. Thompson and Sons. Members of the committee chosen by the league to be responsible for transportation included: Rev. J. N. Saunders, H. W. Baylor, L. R. Brittian, J. E. Carter, W. M. Thompson and E. B. Johnson. D. R. Thompson was chairman of the transportation committee.

During the first year of operation the school board gave a discarded bus body; in September 1936 and thereafter it contributed $100.00 per month for transportation. The first faculty included: S. C. Booker, principal; Mrs. Edith Booker and Miss Jones, teachers.

In January 1937, a petition, bearing the signatures of 124 citizens, was presented to the school board requesting that a centralized high school be erected to meet the growing educational needs of Negro boys and girls. The board responded by requesting the people to raise $3,000.00 including the cost of the land for a school site. The people met this request and the school was erected on the present site and opened its doors for the first session of Richmond County High School in September 1939 with Mr. S. C. Booker as principal. Mr. Booker accepted a principalship in Richmond in 1940 and was succeeded by W. H. Mackey who remained until the transition."

In 1960, four elementary schools in Stonewall and Marshall Districts were replaced by a consolidated building on land adjacent to the high school which was purchased for the purpose. What was formerly a secondary school now became a combined school with grades one through twelve. Persons who served as president of the parent-teachers association were: Mrs. A. Y. Thompson, Mrs. Georgia Carter, Mr. Gilbert Brown, Mr. James Saunders, Mrs. Pearl Brown, Mrs. Lucille Jackson and Mrs. Delma Arthur.

The achievements of the 503 graduates and others who have attended the school are numerous and diverse. Many have become responsible, cooperative and intelligent citizens and homemakers within the county; many have equipped themselves with further training in vocational, business and technical schools; and many have continued their learning in colleges and universities in different parts of the country where they have, in many instances, won distinction. No attempt is made here to enumerate all of the accomplishments of our graduates or of those who have attended the school. However, one person, chosen at random from each graduating class as listed, reveals in part the diversity of occupational and professional activities of a few of the school's graduates.

CLASS OF	NAME OF ALUMNUS	PRESENT OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION
1940	Mr. Wilson Brown	Dry Cleaning Business Proprietor
1941	Dr. Vivian Gordon Howard	Assoc. Prof. Math., Va. State College
1942	Mr. Herman Sydnor	Ed. Specialist, Dept. of HEW
1943	Mr. Perry Thompson	Electrician
1944	Mr. Carroll Darby	Retired Air Force Mechanic USAF
1945	Rev. Mervin Gray	Minister
1946	Mrs. Effie Veney Johnson	Secretary
1947	Mrs. Hilda Taylor Robinson	Housewife
1948	Miss Selitha Thompson	Public School Teacher
1949	Mr. Morris Churchill	Lieutenant Colonel, USA
1950	Mr. Thomas Daniel Taylor	Attorney At Law
1951	Mrs. Lucy McCoy Dry	Policewoman
1952	Mr. Peyton Veney	Osyter Shucker
1953	Mrs. Falisha Henderson Peters	Bank Teller
1954	Mr. Russell Lewis	Chiropodist
1955	No graduating class change to 5 year system	
1956	Mr. Robert Laws	Music Instructor
1957	Mr. James Jackson	Farm Manager
1958	Mrs. Irene Wood Dorsey	Nurse
1959	Mr. Howard Wood	Professional Baseball Player
1960	Mr. Samuel Veney	Post Office Dept. Clerk
1961	Mr. Earl Carey	Telephone Repairman
1962	Mr. Jonah Saunders	Super Market Meat Cutter
1963	Mrs. Flora Brown Whorley	Waitress
1964	Mrs. Gloria Carey Carey	Sewing Machine Operator
1965	Mrs. Edna Veney Blue	Department Store Sales Clerk
1966	Mr. Alice Baylor Carey	Super Market Food Checker
1967	Miss Judith Saunders	College Student
1968	Miss Vera Darby	College Student
1969	Mr. Oscar Lewin Parker	PFC United States Army

The contributions of this small number of alumni, and the contributions of hundreds of other students in the world of work, is a glowing tribute to the noble efforts of those who gave so generously of their time, talents and possessions for the establishment of Richmond County High School, and to those teachers, parents and school officials who labored to create in the minds of boys and girls a yearning for learning.

Our Assistant Principal

Mrs. Virginia Brown assists our Principal and helps to make our school an outstanding institution.

Secretary

Miss Carolyn Johnson is a most competent secretary and a valuable asset to the school.

Guidance - Key to Education

Mrs. Vivan G. Wood counsels David Blue and Terry LeVere concerning college plans. This is just one of the many activities to which she devotes her time.

Faculty

Miss Ida Bracey
First Grade

Miss Delories Bridges
First Grade

Mrs. Alice Gaines
Second Grade

Miss Selitha Thompson
Third Grade

Miss Lillian Brown
Fourth Grade

Mrs. Delores Saunders
Fifth Grade

Mrs. Priscilla Muse
Sixth Grade

Mrs. Virginia Brown
Seventh Grade

Miss Carrie Whetstone
Mathematics

Mr. Preston Sampson
Business

Faculty

Mr. Joseph Hassell
Physical Education

Mrs. Sarah G. Brown
Science and Biology

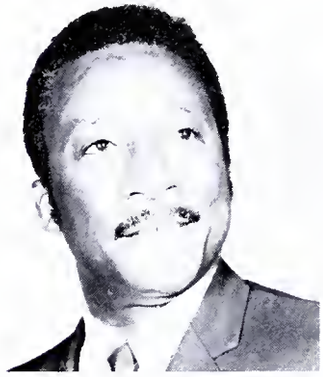
Mr. Adolph White
English and French

Mr. Alphonso G. Logan
Mathematics

Mrs. Meta Sampson
Social Science

Mrs. Lavinia S. Jackson
Home Economics

Miss Louise E. Roane
Librarian



Mr. Douglas Anderson
Music

Mrs. Vivian G. Wood
Guidance Counselor and English

Mr. William Walker
Agriculture

They Also Serve

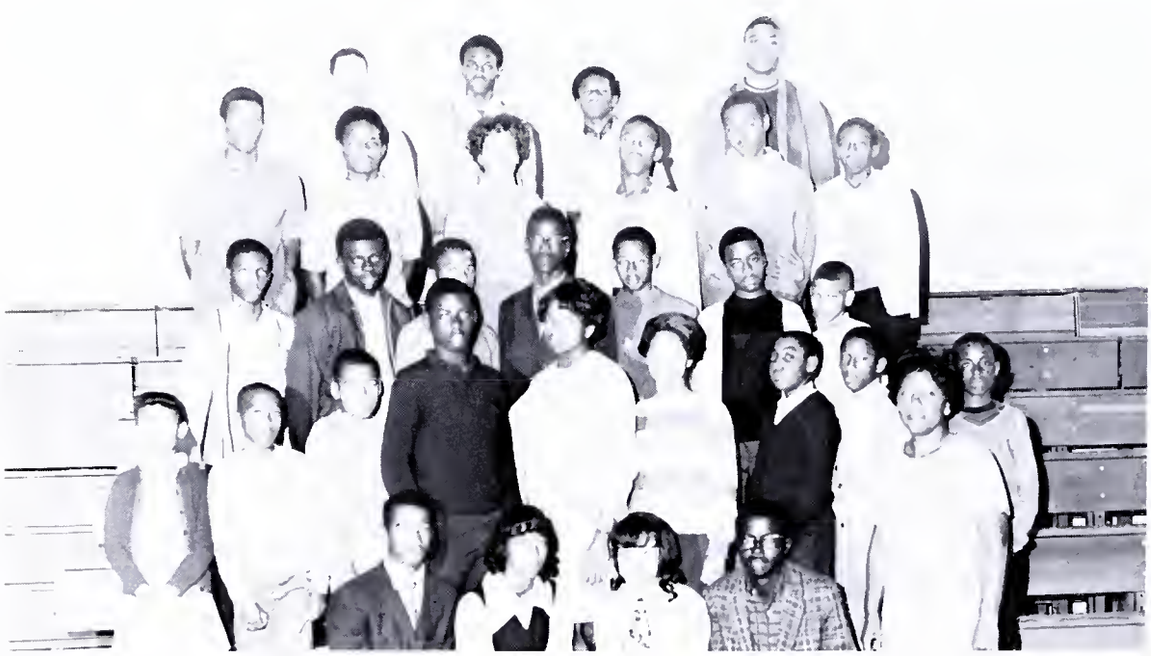
Mrs. Margaret Banks and Mrs. Martha Johnson are very important members of our school staff. They plan and prepare the delicious meals served in the cafeteria.

Mr. James Barksdale works hard to keep our school ground and buildings clean.

Bus Drivers

Transportation of school students is an important job and those persons pictured above carry it out efficiently.

Safety Patrol



The Safety Patrol members monitor the buses and provide overall directions for students.

Graduates

Senior Class Officers

The Senior Class Officers for 1969–70 are from Left to Right, Standing: Willis Taylor, Sgt.-At-Arms; Essie Thompson, Assistant Secretary; Maxine Henderson, Parliamentarian; Byron Veney, Treasurer. Seated: Connie Johnson, Program Chairman; Florence Sorrell, Vice-President; Robert Bailey, President; Alice Cox, Secretary, and Jean Scott, Program Chairman.

Class Colors

Green and Gold

Class Flower

Yellow Rose

Class Motto

"The Roots Of Education Are Often Bitter, But The Fruits Are Sweet."

Class History

It was a bright September day in 1965. Fifty–nine eager students entered Richmond County High School. Our homeroom teachers Mrs. Sampson and Mr. Howze showed us the importance of studying hard. Regina Johnson from Mrs. Sampson's section of the 8th grade was crowned Miss Richmond County High School. This along with the other interesting classes and activities highlighted our 8th grade year.

The year passed swiftly, and we became ninth graders. Under the leadership of Robert Bailey, our president and Terry Levere, our secretary, we settled down to an interesting year. Veronica Thomas became first runner up to Miss Richmond County High School and later assumed the title when the winner transferred to another school. Our class won the first class basketball tournament and our own Robert Bailey was given a first place trophy as the best drum major at the Volunteer Fireman's parade in Tappahannock, Va.

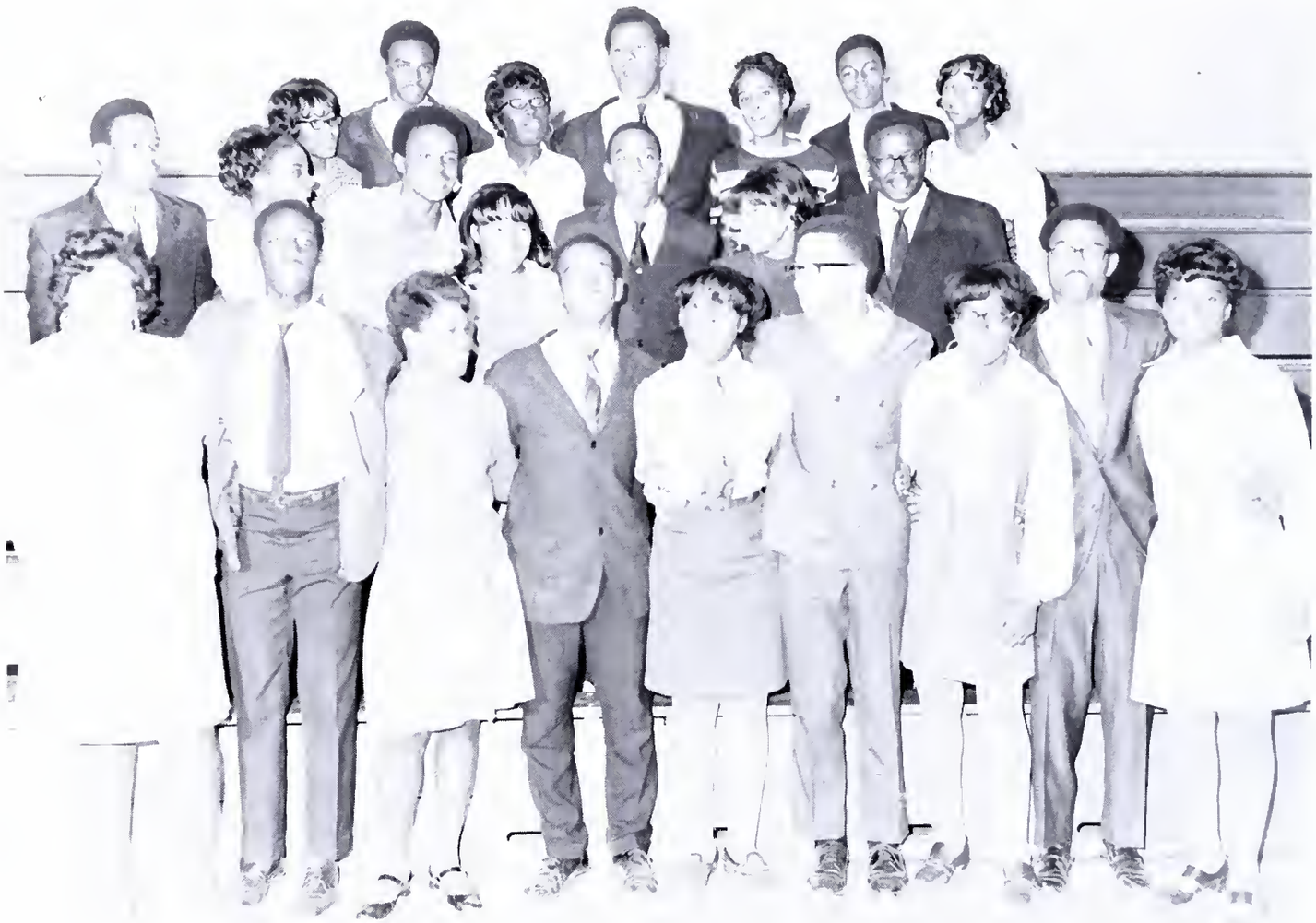
In September of 1967 thirty–two students entered the tenth grade. With the guidance of Mrs. Sampson and the leadership of our president Florence Sorrell we started another year. This year saw Connie Johnson attend the F.H.A. convention in Miami Beach, Fla. She represented us well and her picture appeared in several national publications. Veronica Thomas had her poem "A Tribute to Martin Luther King" broadcast on WNNT. Robert Bailey won third place in the F.F.A. oratorical contest and Alice Cox was first runner up to Miss Richmond County High School. Yes, it was a wonderful year.

In 1968 we became Juniors. This was a most exciting year. With our sponsor Mrs. Sampson we presented our Junior–Senior Prom, Our night on the Town, and our most hilarious Switch–A–Roo Wedding. Albert Blue and Herbert Barber did outstanding jobs on our basketball team and Regina Johnson was first runner up to Miss Richmond County High School.

And now in September of 1969 only 23 of the 59 who started as 8th graders entered the Senior Class. This is truly "Our Year". We ordered Senior rings, took Senior pictures and did all the other wonderful things associated with being Seniors. One of our major objectives is the publication of our yearbook "The Viking". As this year goes on, we know that we will share many rewarding experiences together.

As we prepare to leave and face an uncertain future we can be sure that our days at Richmond County High School will never be forgotten.

Sing Along



Seniors in an informal mood prepare to sing their class song.

Class Song

Now is the hour when we must say goodbye.
Our love for thee will never, never die.
All skills acquired have truly come from thee.
We'll praise your name through out eternity.

Our teachers dear, have helped us day by day.
Patience you showed us when we had minds of play.
We'll ne'er forget you when we are far away.
God bless you all, and this we truly pray.

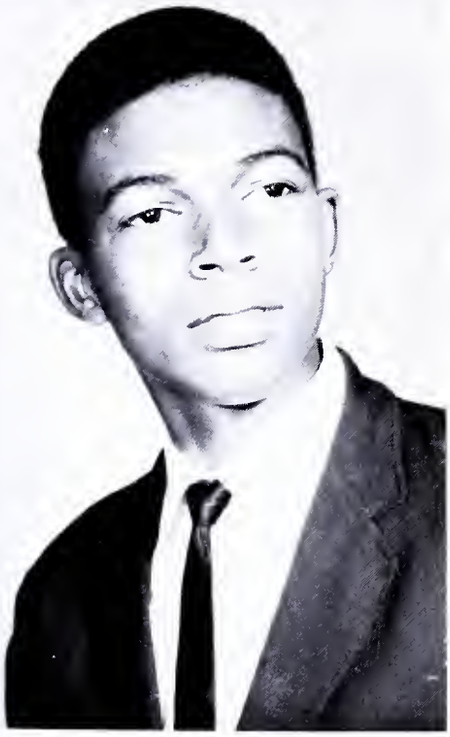
Dear Richmond County, oh how we hate to go.
For we will miss you with our hearts we know.
All through the future may our love be true.
Oh, how we'll miss you dear old Orange and Blue.

Seniors

Alice Cox

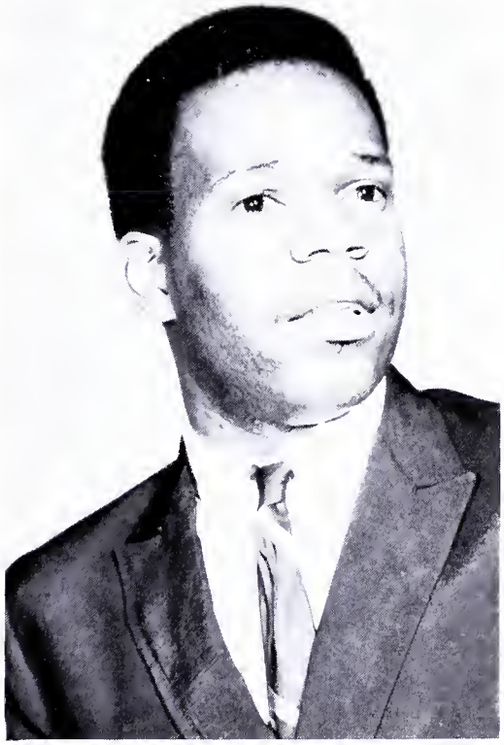
Larry Wood

Essie Thompson



Robert Bailey

Maxine Henderson



Herbert Barber

Seniors

Shirley Veney

Wayne Robinson

Veronica Thomas

Stanley Henderson

Margaret Wood

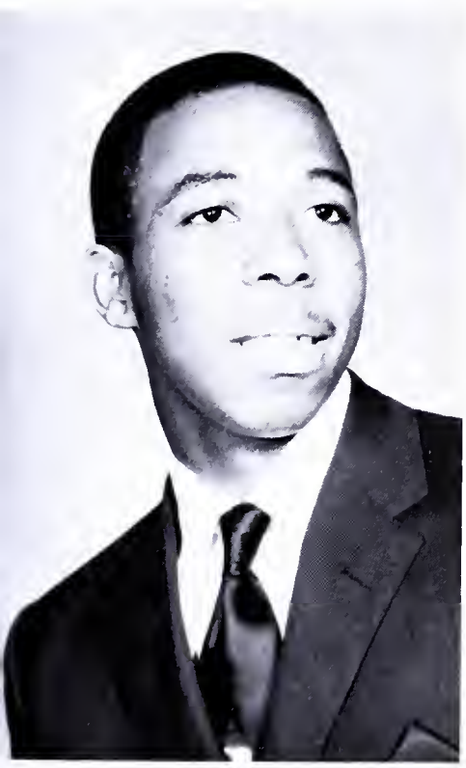
David Blue

Seniors

Terry Levere

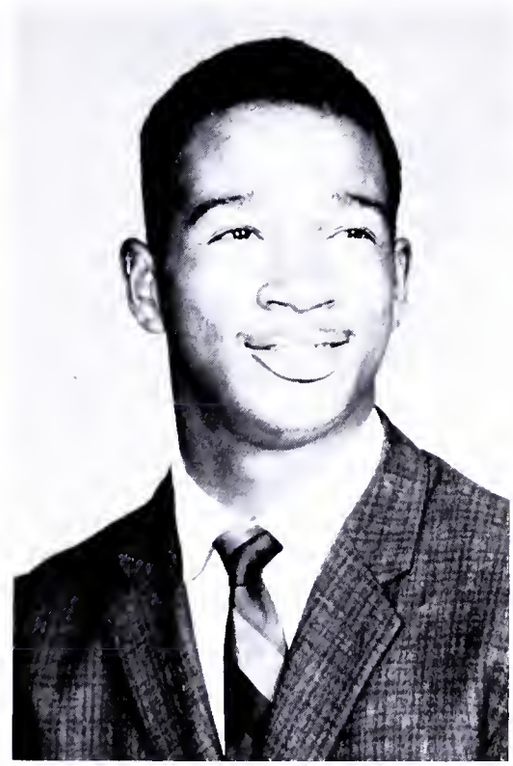
Byron Veney

Jean Scott



Willis Taylor

Barbara Croxton



Beecher Henderson

Seniors

Florence Sorrell

Regina Johnson

Connie Johnson

Albert Blue

James Barber

Class Will

We, the 1970 Senior Class of Richmond County High School, being of sound mind and good judgement do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

To our principal, we bequeath our sincere thanks for the valuable instruction and encouragement given us toward intellectual and moral development.

To our sponsor, we leave our gratitude for her supreme guidance and consideration.

To our faculty, we leave sincere thanks and appreciation for valuable instruction given through–out the years.

To the Juniors, we leave our senior dignity, our friendly manners and our strong determination to succeed.

To the Sophomores, we leave two more years of hard work, for we know that it is hard work which has enabled us to reach our goal.

To the Underclassmen, we leave the do's and don't's of becoming successful high school students.

Essie Thompson wills her hair to Deborah Ball so she won't have to fix it each morning.

Jean Scott wills her seat in the Senior Class to her sister Scarlot.

Larry Wood wills Herbert Monroe his ability to converse with the girls.

Herbert Barber wills his basketball shooting ability to Walter Barber.

David Blue wills his ability to play the saxaphone to all the future saxaphone players.

Veronica Thomas wills her slender legs to all the girls who could use some "Wate Off."

Florence Sorrell wills her personality to all students who have trouble getting along with others.

Albert Blue wills his ability to play basketball to Herman Thompson.

Alice Cox wills her popularity and dancing ability to Helen Tate.

Shirley Veney leaves her business ability to Cheryl Lewis.

Byron Veney leaves his ability to love all people to the "lovable" Juniors.

Wayne Robinson wills his weight to Willis Veney.

Margaret Wood wills her pleasant smile to Claudette Carey.

Robert Bailey wills his ability to make progress and to go beyond requirement to Charles Bailey who seems to be standing still.

Terry LeVere wills her ability to play it cool around boys to Patricia Carter.

Barbara Croxton wills her chubbiness to Casandra Wormley.

Connie Johnson leaves her ability to know how to be "Soul Sister Number One" to Rita LeVere.

Maxine Henderson leaves her ability to keep on trying to those who give up too easily.

Beecher Henderson leaves his initiative to Emanuel Grimes and all the boys who move so slowly.

James Barber leaves his styles and cool manner to Leon Baylor.

Willis Taylor leaves his ability to be dependable in all situations to all those students who fail to meet their obligations.

Regina Johnson leaves her seat in the 12th. grade room and her ability to her sister Betty Jean.

Stanley Henderson leaves his weight and his cool manner to Ronnie Jackson.

We, the class of 1970, shall take with us our memories and our love for Richmond County High School.

Class Prophecy

Yesterday, today and tomorrow, our yesterdays are but memories, our todays realities and our tomorrows but dreams. What does the future hold for the members of the 1970 graduating class? Well, I see a comfortable ranch style home and an attractive young lady opening the door for her Army Capt. husband. Why it's none other than Mrs. Veronica Ashton who recently gave up her hostess job with TWA. She and her husband are playing host to Mr. & Mrs. Byron Veney. Mrs. Veney, the former Miss Florence Sorrell and her husband now own an island. Florence teaches English and Byron is a computer programmer with IBM.

James Barber and Robert Bailey are owners of the Barber–Bailey Corporation, largest manufacturing Company in the United States. Their most competent secretary is Miss Barbara Croxton who draws a salary of $6.00 per hour. That is really a successful company.

The newspaper just published an exclusive story on Mrs. Stanley Carey, the former Miss Reginia Johnson. According to the interview with Mrs. Carey, she vacations each year in Paris and spends her time doing secretarial work with her husband's firm.

The top tune of the hit parade is entitled "Blue Blues." It was written, arranged and played by none other than David Blue. Speaking of the music world, Larry Wood has combined a career of music and sports. He plays professional baseball and in the off season divides his time between his lovely wife, the former Miss Constance Carter, and singing at the Sands Hotel. That's some life.

"Creations by Connie" is the sign that lights up the main business district in Philadelphia. She has styled the hair of some of America's greatest. She, of course, is still wearing the latest style.

Lord & Taylor's of New York really owes a debt to Richmond County High School. Mrs. Reginald Jackson, the former Miss Terry LeVere, is their top model. She always did know how to wear fashions.

Two of our students decided to wear service uniforms for a while. Miss Jean Scott joined the WAC's and was recently discharged and is now married to Mr. Harry Nelson. Mr. Beecher Henderson was a Navy Chaplain but is now pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D. C. He is married to the former Miss Adrienne Martin. Rev. Henderson is scheduled to perform the wedding of the social season. He will join two of our former classmates, Miss Margaret Wood, a successful government worker and her husband to be, Mr. Stanley Henderson, full back for the Green Bay Packers.

Our former classmate, Willis Taylor, is quite a successful business man and he has constructed several buildings. By the way, he is married to the former Miss Nancy Veney.

Two of our former classmates, both of whom were successful secretaries, are now honeymooning in Bermuda. They are none other than Mrs. Veney, the former Miss Alice Cox and Mrs. Carter, the former Miss Essie Thompson.

Law and order are really in good shape in Washington, D. C. now that Herbert Barber is Police Chief. He and his wife, the former Miss Gail Turner, really enjoy city living.

Our class mechanic has really made it big. Mr. Wayne Robinson invented the ROBGO, snazzy new sports car and he's close to becoming a millionaire.

Business called and Miss Shirley Veney and Mr. Albert Blue answered. Both are working for the United States Government in their Program Computer Center. Mr. Blue stars with a local basketball team and Miss Veney spends her spare time traveling.

Well, it's interesting to see what's in the future for the graduating class of 1970. I wonder whether what I saw was really fact or fiction. Only time will tell.

Senior Charmers

Miss Alice Cox

Miss Essie Thompson

Miss Florence Sorrell

Senior Charmers

Miss Terry LeVere

Miss Connie Johnson

Mrs. Maxine Henderson

Musical Memories

"The Sweeter He Is" -- Principal

"Oh Happy Day" -- Graduation

"You Won't Miss What You Can't Measure" -- Cutting Class

"Faithful & True" -- Mrs. Sampson

"Let's Get Together" -- Cheating on Exams

"Can't Get Next To You" -- Jiving The Teacher

"Reconsider Me" -- Expelled From School

"Free Me" -- Being Excused

"Oh What A Night" -- Junior–Senior Prom

"Got Me Going In Circles" -- Exam Time

"Top Of The Stack" -- Making All A's

"Hold On" -- Counselor's Advice

"It Ain't Easy" -- Homework

"I Made A Mistake" -- Failing A Course

"World" -- The Library

"Doing Our Thing" -- Writing Senior Themes

"Our Good Thing Is About To Come To An End" -- Seniors Leaving RCHS

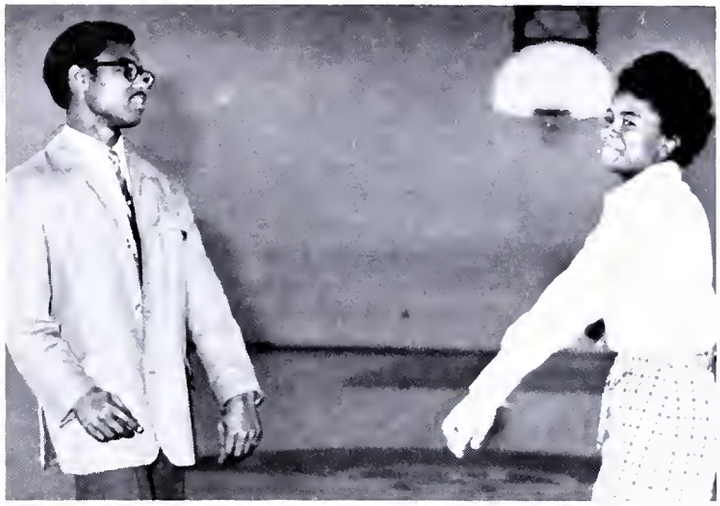
"Can I Change My Mind?" -- Wrong Answers

"Only The Strong Survive" -- Senior Classes

"Try A Little Tenderness" -- Advice To Teachers

Senior Superlatives

BEST DANCERS



Connie Johnson
Larry Wood

BEST ALL AROUND

Florence Sorrell
Larry Wood

BIGGEST SNEAKS

Connie Johnson
David Blue

MOST DEPENDABLE

Regina Johnson
Willis Taylor

FRIENDLIEST

Alice Cox
Byron Veney

BEST DRESSED

Terry LeVere
James Barber

MOST BUSINESS LIKE

Barbara Croxton
Byron Veney

MOST COURTEOUS

Florence Sorrell
Robert Bailey

QUIETEST

Florence Sorrell
Wayne Robinson

MOST HELPFUL

Shirley Veney
Albert Blue

MOST MUSICAL

Veronica Thomas
David Blue

MOST INTELLECTUAL

Terry LeVere
Byron Veney

MOST ATHLETIC

Veronica Thomas
Albert Blue

MOST ACCOMODATING

Maxine Henderson
Willis Taylor

MOST COMICAL

Margaret Wood
Stanley Henderson

BEST FIGURE & PHYSIQUE

Connie Johnson
Larry Wood

FLIRTS

Connie Johnson
David Blue

MOST COOPERATIVE

Jean Scott
Robert Bailey

CLASS COUPLE

Florence Sorrell
Byron Veney

BEST LOOKING

Essie Thompson
Larry Wood

MOST TALKATIVE

Margaret Wood
Stanley Henderson

MOST POPULAR

Connie Johnson
James Barber

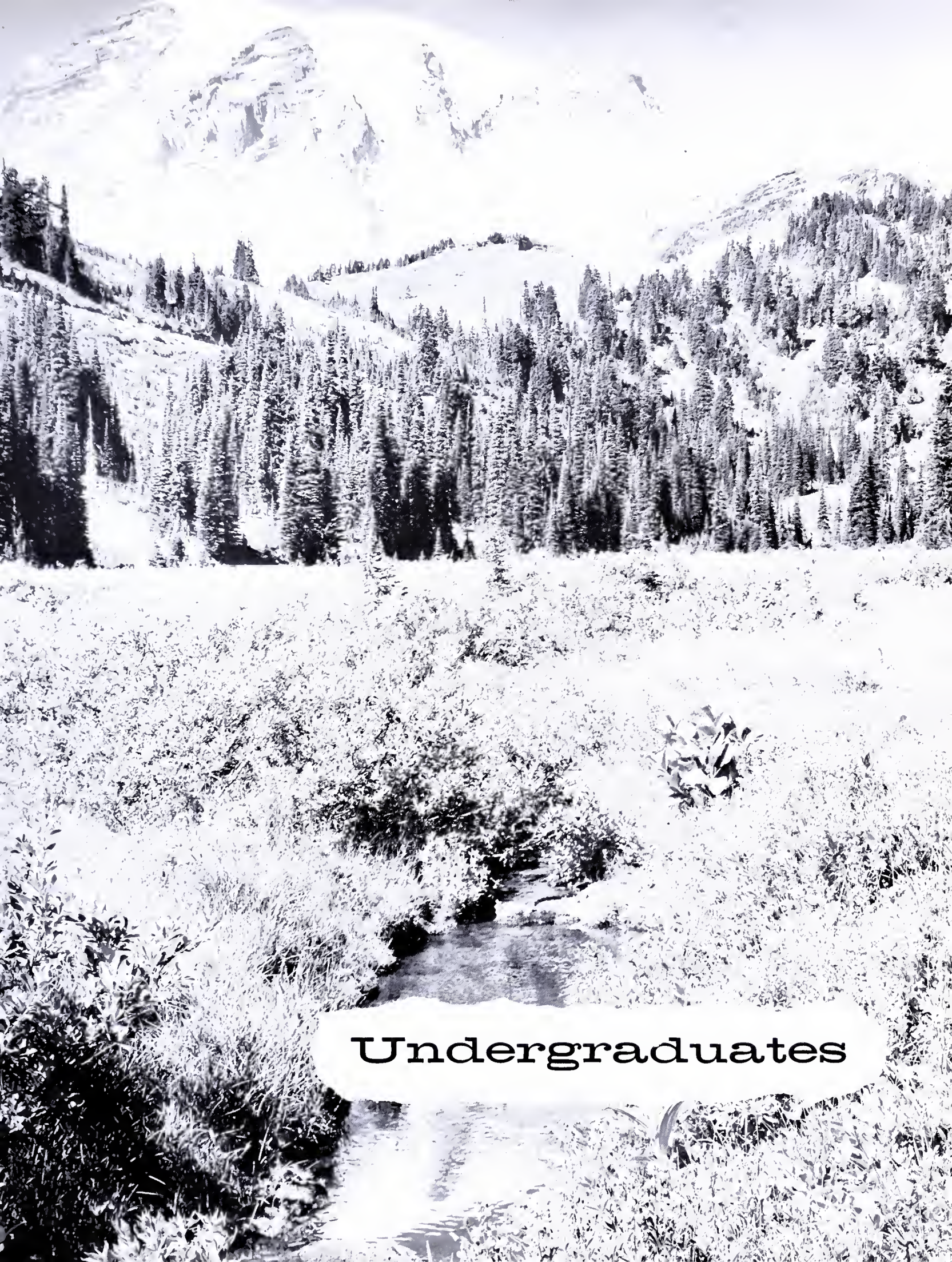
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Florence Sorrell
Beecher Henderson

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Veronica Thomas
Herbert Barber

As Seniors We Remember



Undergraduates

Junior Class Officers

The Junior Class Officers for 1969–70 are as follow: First row, Left to Right: Doris Brown, Vice-President; Maxine Carey, President; Rita LeVere, Secretary; and Betty Johnson, Assistant Secretary. Second row: Gail Turner, Reporter; Jerry Veney, Sgt. at Arms and Mamie Barber, Treasurer.

Class Colors

Navy and Gold

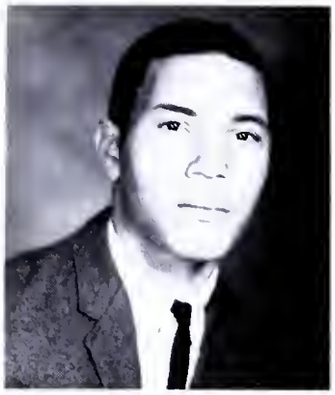
Class Flower

Yellow Carnation

Class Motto

"Forward Ever, Backward Never"

Juniors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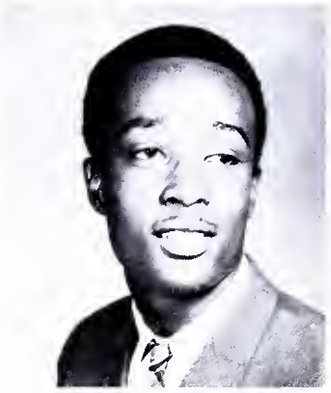
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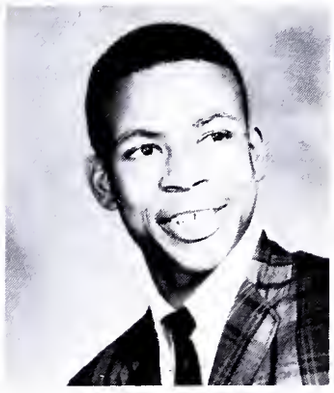
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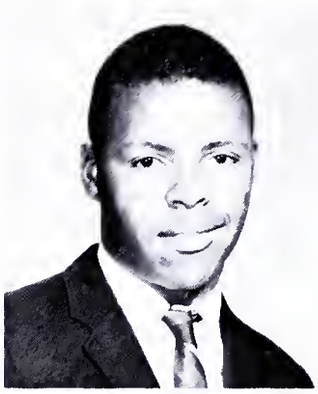
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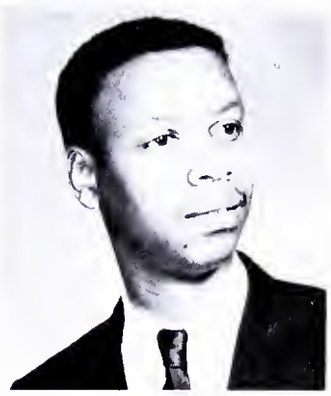

Carolton Burrell

Tenth Grade

The tenth grade students under the leadership of Mr. Adolph White face the future with optimism.

Ninth Grade

These ninth grade students will work hard to have a successful year. Mrs. Sarah Brown will give them guidance.

Eighth Grade, Section 1

Eighth grade students, with Mr. Joseph Hassell as sponsor, have many goals they hope to reach.

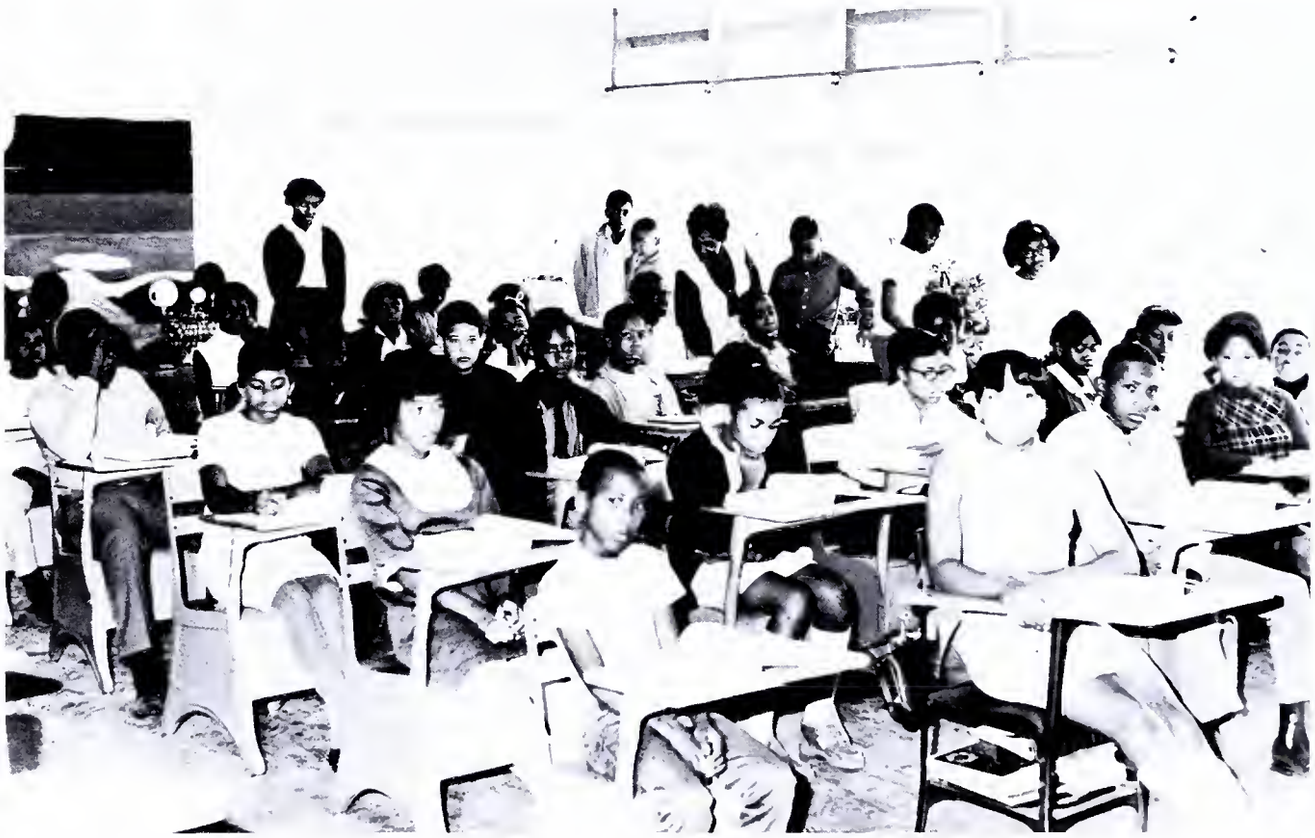
Eighth Grade, Section II

Mr. Preston Sampson will help these eighth grade students as they search for the true meaning of education.

Eighth Grade, Section III

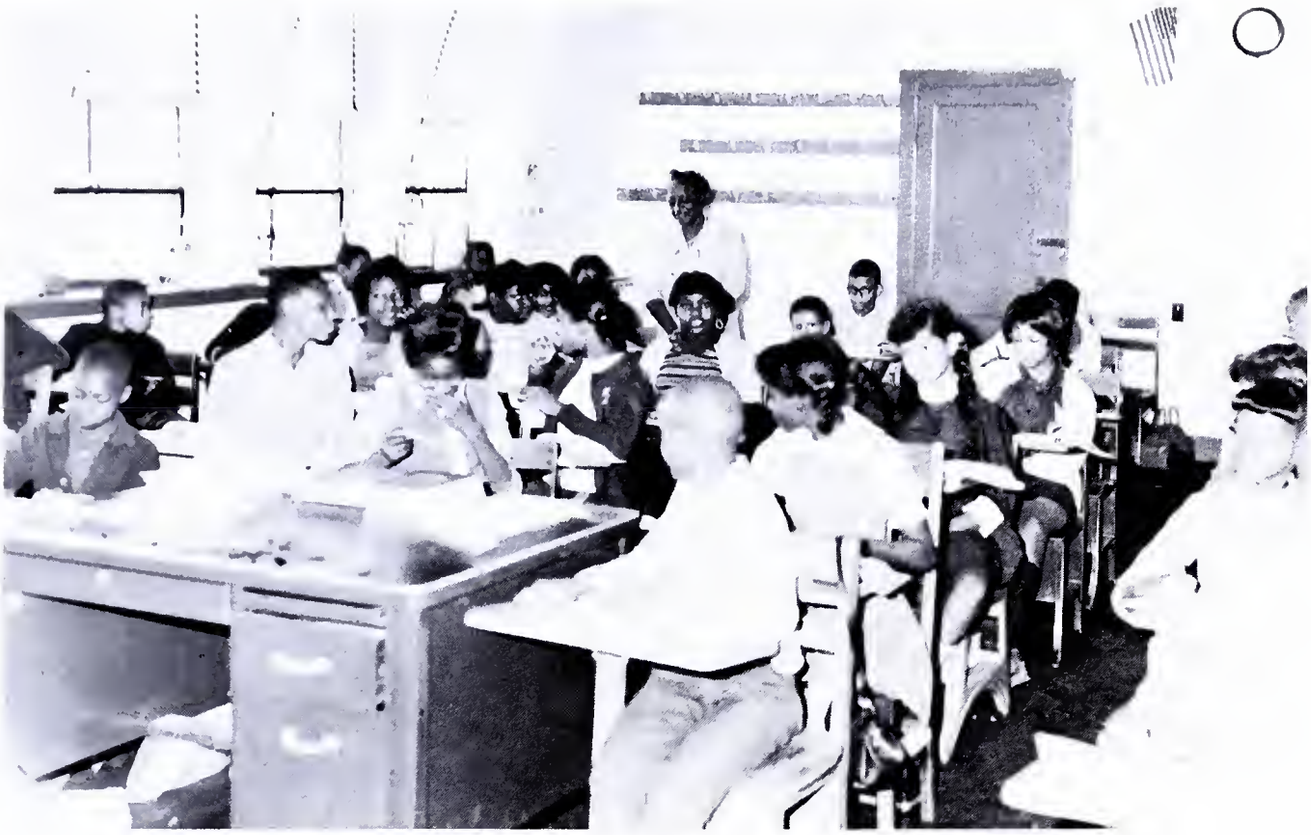
Under the leadership of Miss Carrie Whetstone, these eighth grade students settle down to a year of hard work.

Seventh Grade



Mrs. Virginia Brown, seventh grade teacher, helps these students as they complete their last year of elementary education.

Sixth Grade



Sixth grade students under Mrs. Muse find education an exciting venture.

Fifth Grade

Fifth grade students prepares themselves for useful living. Mrs. Saunders guides them.

Fourth Grade

Miss Brown supervises her fourth grade students as they prepare their work.

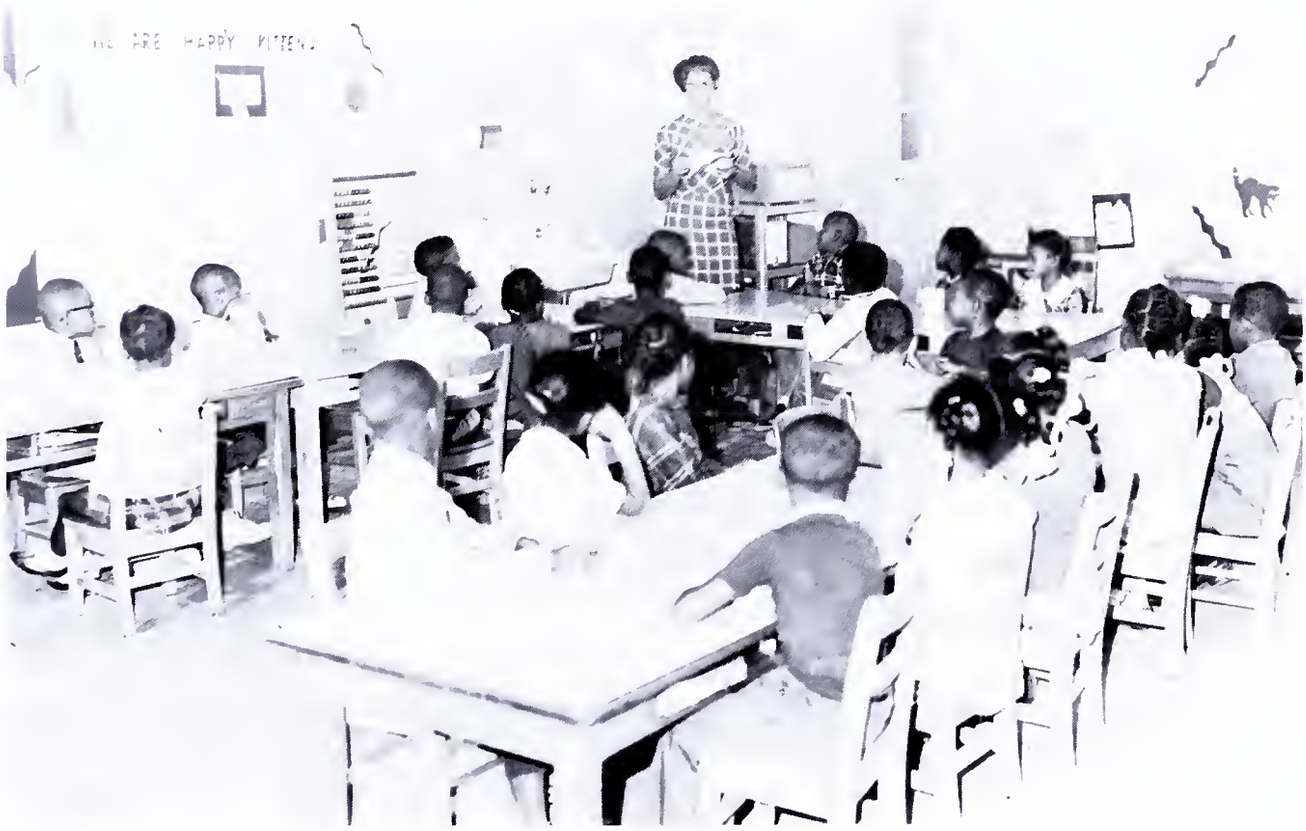
Third Grade

The third grade students work hard to become better students. Mrs. Hassell, teacher's aide, helps them. Miss Thompson is the teacher.

Second Grade

Mrs. Gaines helps these second grade students learn basic skills.

First Grade, Section I



Miss Bridges has the undivided attention of these first graders as they prepare to sing a song.

First Grade, Section II

Miss Bracey helps the first graders learn skills and attitudes that will help them from day to day.

Classes

Eighth Grade Mathematics

Mr. Alfonso Logan helps students master the fundamentals of modern mathematics.

Consumer Mathematics

Seniors in Miss Carrie Whetstone's class study consumer mathematics. They know it will help them in today's world.

General Music

Mr. Anderson's general music students learn basic music patterns and develop an appreciation for good music.

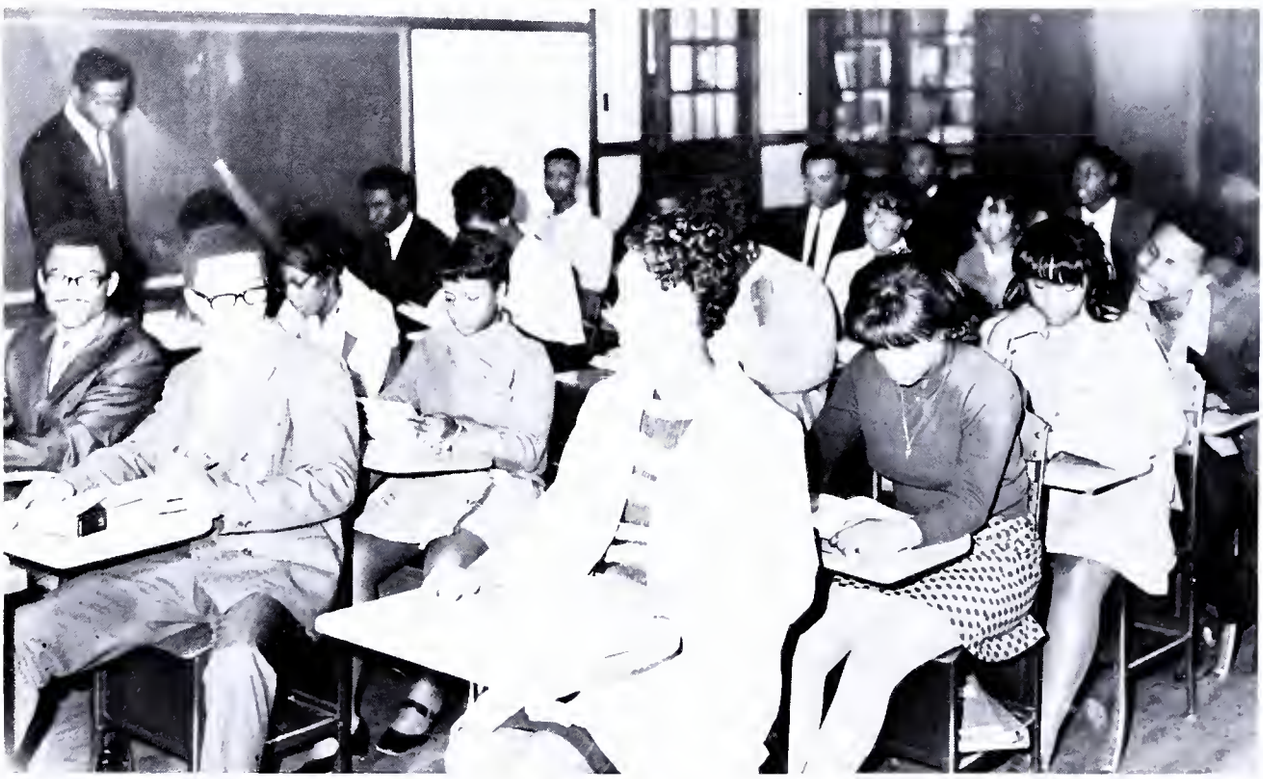
French

Students from Mr. White's French Class take a few minutes away from the reading, speaking and translating of French.

Civics

Students in Mrs. Sampson's civics class work out an assignment in preparation for tomorrow's lesson.

English



Seniors in Mr. White's English Class face a busy year. Theme writing will require much time and concentration.

Business Education

Typing affords these students an opportunity to begin to prepare themselves for successful business careers. Mr. Preston Sampson is the instructor.

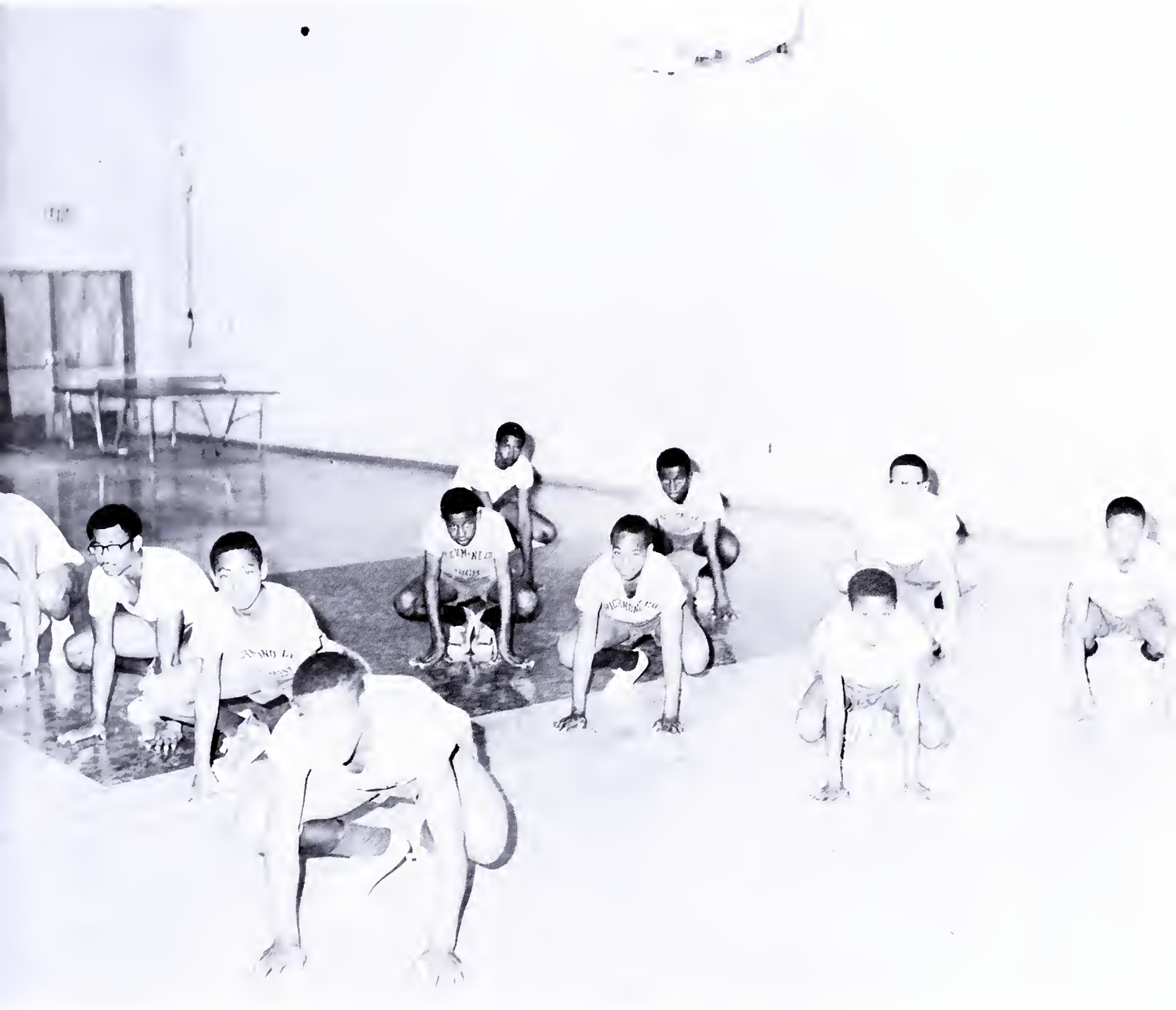
Home Economics

Home Economics students prepare candied apples. This is only one of the many activities they carry on.

Agriculture

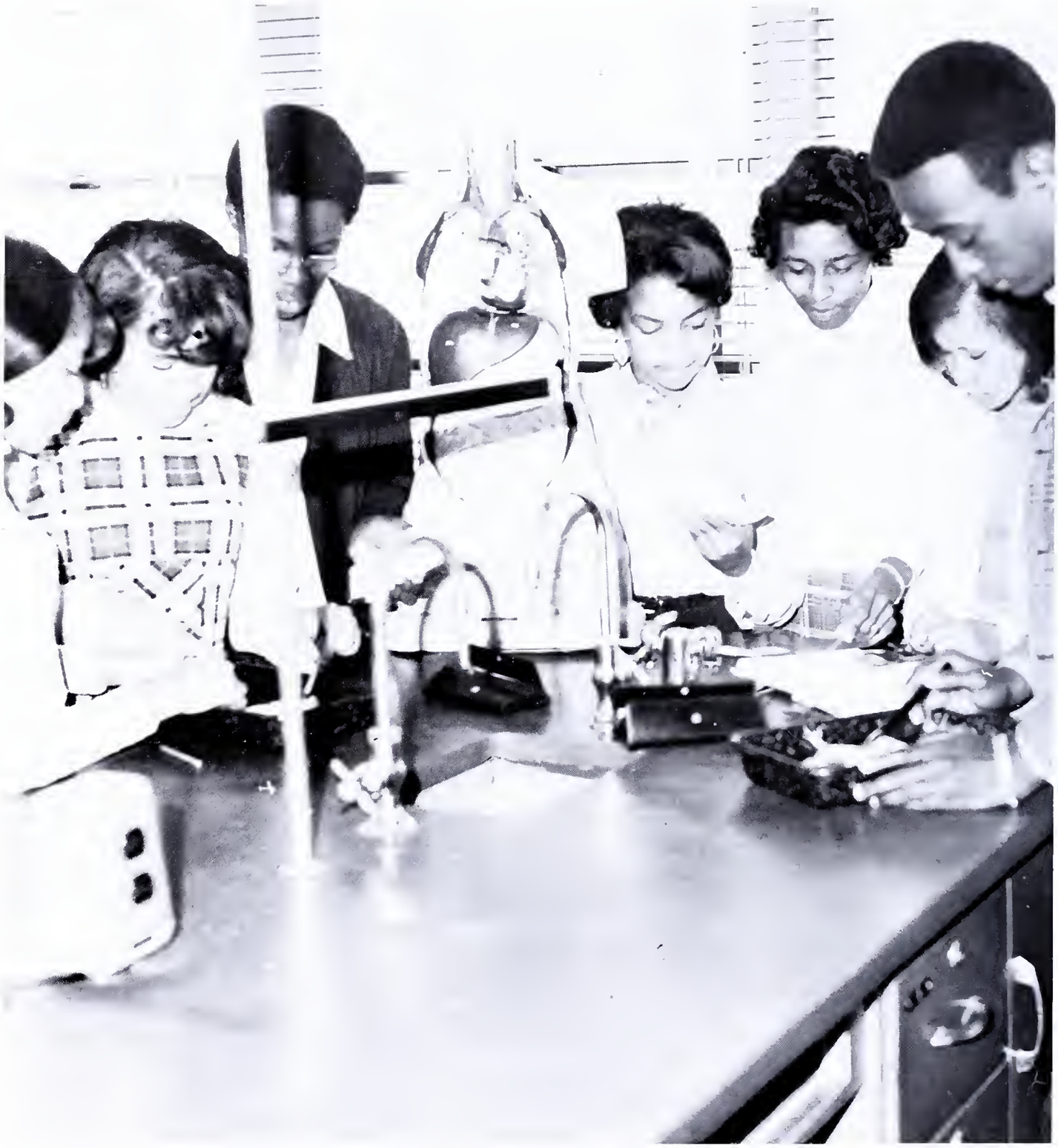
Agriculture students listen as Mr. William H. Walker gives them important information about agriculture today.

Physical Education



Physical fitness is of major importance. Students are taught and encouraged to build healthy bodies.

Biology



Biology students under Mrs. Sarah Brown carry on many class activities. Here they are involved in dissecting a frog.

Activities

Student Council Officers

Student Council Officers under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Brown make plans for the school year. Terry Le Vere (seated fourth from the left) is the president.

Student Council Representatives

Representatives from grades four through twelve work to make the Student Council a dynamic organization.

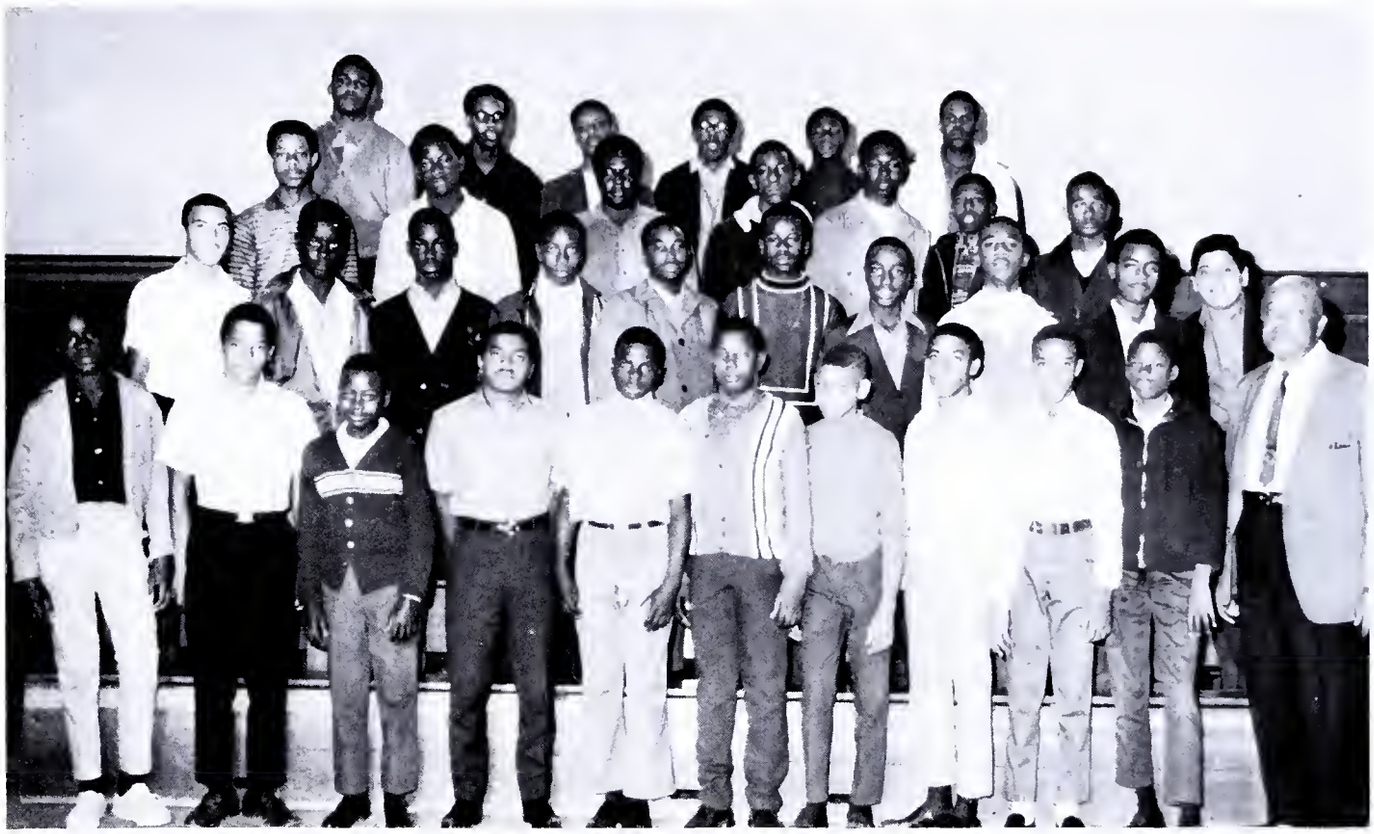
Choir

The Richmond County High School Choir under the direction of Mr. Douglas Anderson has rendered many school concerts and is a valuable asset not only to the school but to the community as well.

F H A

The FHA is composed of homemaking students who strive for high ideals and perform many worthwhile activities. Mrs. Jackson is the sponsor.

F.F.A.



Mr. W. H. Walker and the FFA members carry out many interesting activities.

Senior Officers

Herbert Barber and Willis Taylor, Senior Officers of the FFA, make plans for prosperous year.

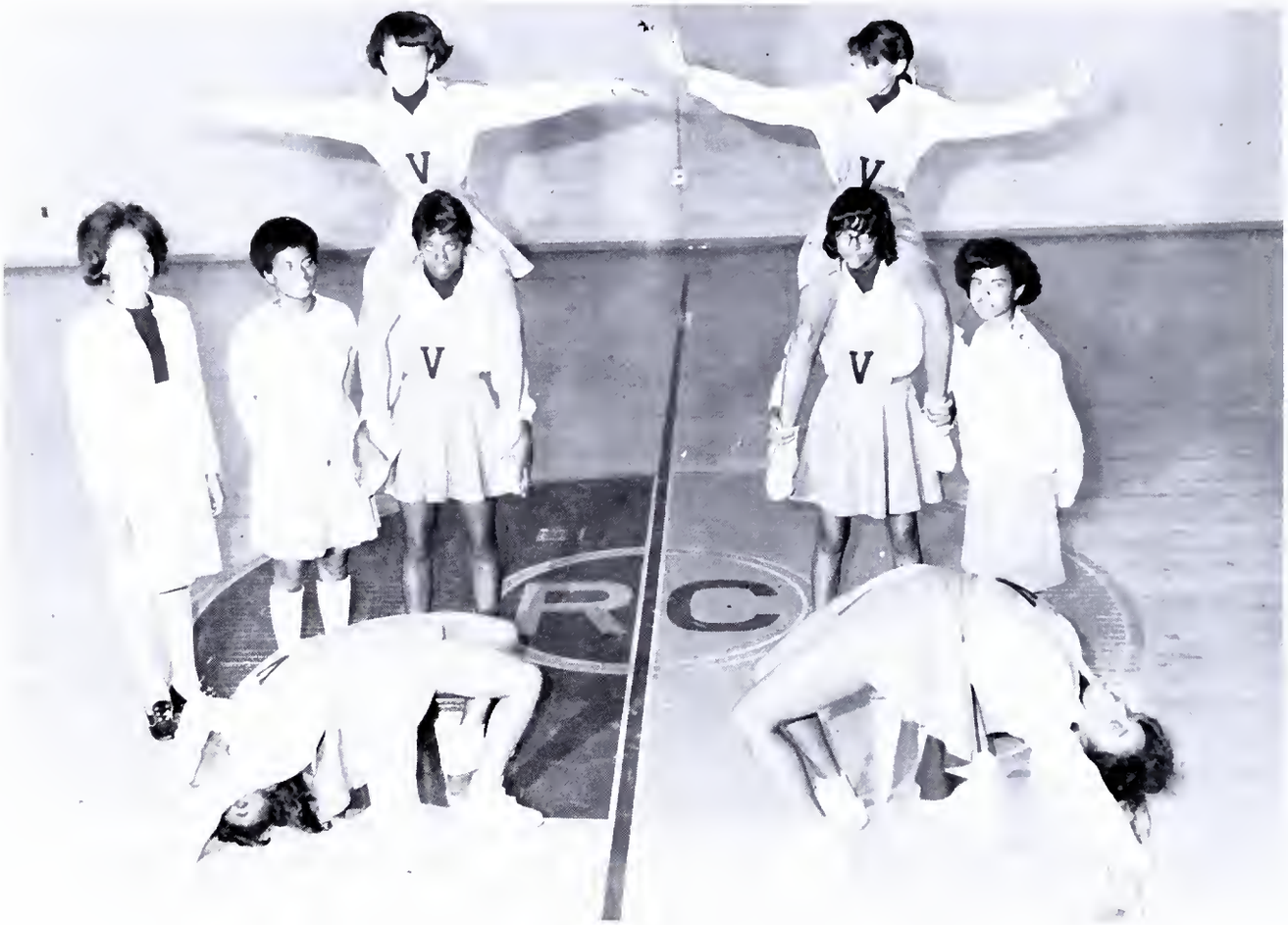
F.B.L.A.

These young ladies plan careers in business. Their work with the FBLA helps them understand the complexities of the business world. Mr. Preston Sampson is their sponsor.

Library Club

The library is the center of all learning. Here the library club members under Miss Roane's direction help serve the school community.

Cheering Squad



The Richmond County High School Cheering Squad is a valuable asset to the school. These young ladies encourage the team and keep the school spirit high.

Senior Members

Connie Johnson

Veronica Thomas

Band

The Richmond County High School Band under the direction of Mr. Douglas Anderson has brought many honors to our school.

Dramatics

The Dramatics Club provides students with an opportunity to show their creative talents. Mr. White and Miss Roane provides them with direction.

Head Majorette

Miss Rita LeVere, a member of the Junior Class, has been head Majorette for two years. She adds talent and beauty to the Richmond County High School Marching Band.

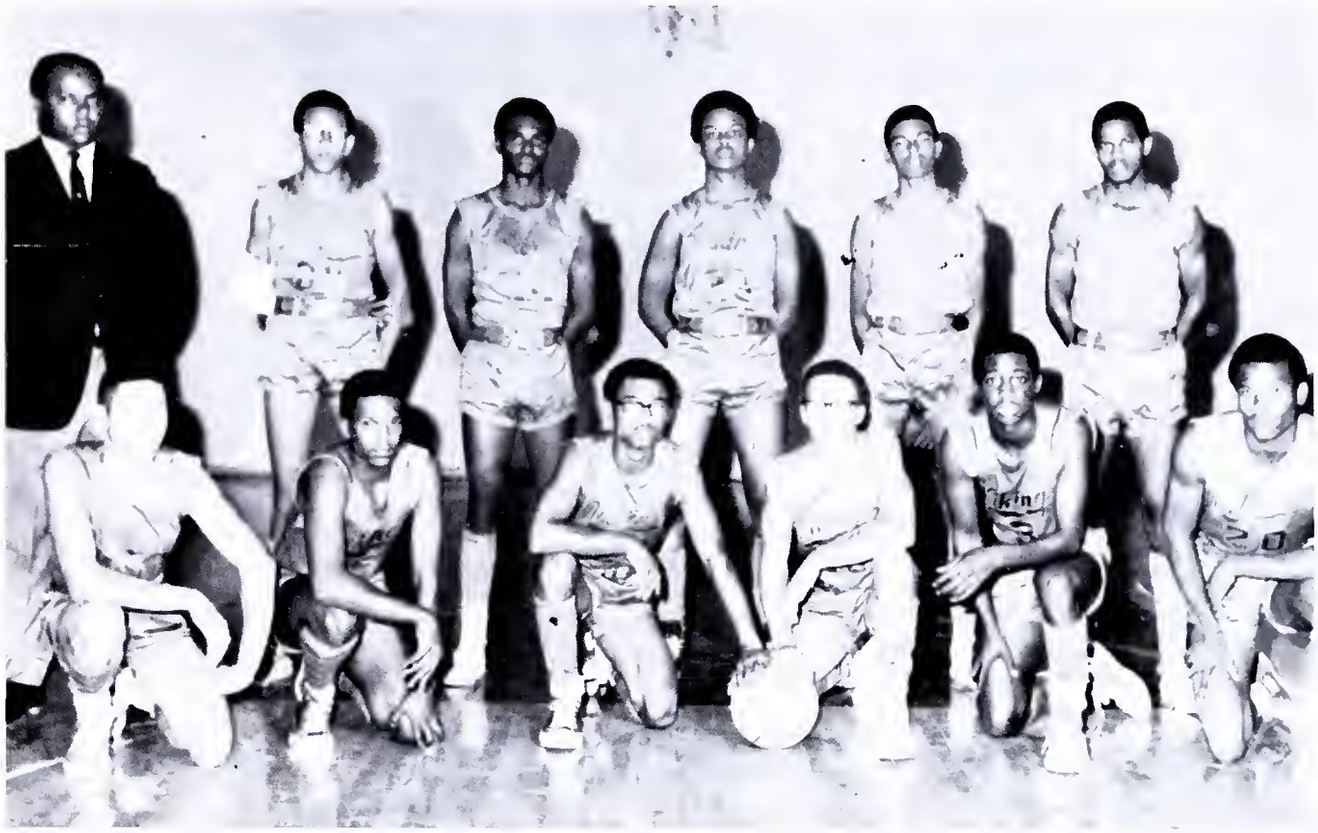
Last Time Out

Robert Bailey
Drum Major

Terry LeVere
Majorette

Connie Johnson
Majorette

Basketball Team



The basketball team under the direction of Mr. Hassell looks forward to a successful year.

Baseball Team

The baseball team hopes to have a winning season. Mr. Hassell shares this hope.

Senior Stars

Hebert Barber

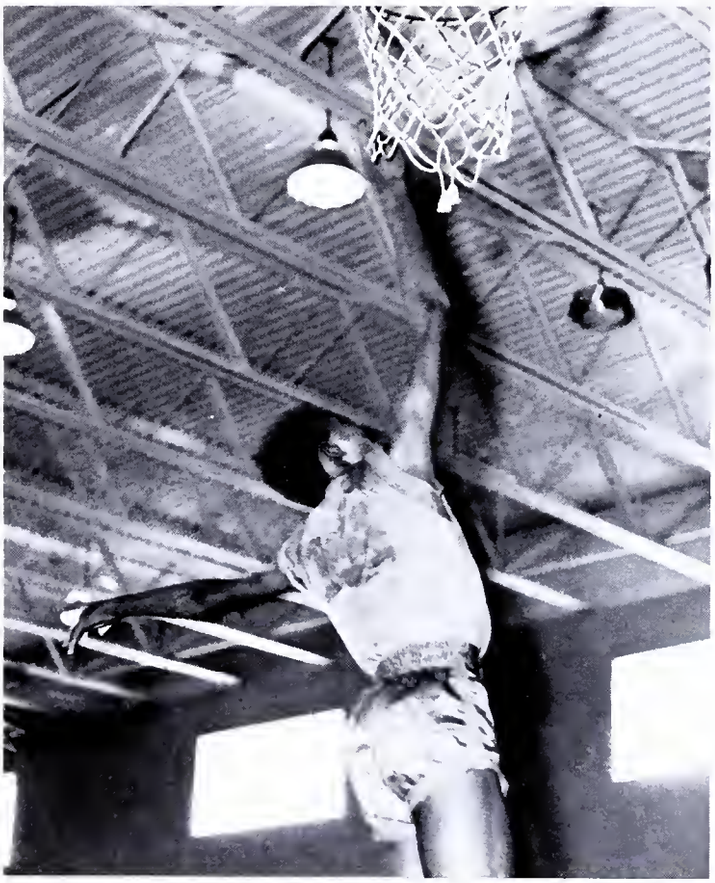
Byron Veney

Larry Wood

Senior Stars

James Barber

David Blue



Robert Bailey

Albert Blue

Miss Richmond County High

Miss Gail Turner, a most attractive and intelligent young lady, reigned as Miss Richmond County High for the year of 1968-69.

Queens Court of 1969

The Queen's Court of Richmond County High School for the year 1968–69 consist of three attractive young ladies. They are from Left to Right: Miss Gail Turner, who was crowned Miss Richmond County High; Miss Regina Johnson, who was first runner-up; and Miss Deborah Grimes, who was second runner-up.

Senior Queen of Yesteryears

Alice Cox

Regina Johnson

Veronica Thomas

Autographs

Mrs. Brown,
Yours, yours, helped me find out for myself my talents. I will never forget the days I spent in your room. Keep up your good work, you have the heart and the ability. Yours truly,
Lorry LeVere

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Dear Mrs. Brown, I will never forget the days I spent in your room. Keep up your good work, you have the heart and the ability. Yours truly,
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Mrs. Brown,
Mrs. Brown, although my five years spent, are about to come to a close, I will never forget the moments I've shared in your presence and under your direction. I'll never forget and always remember you as the little lady with the big voice (smile) for your voice have beconed us in the halls at P.C.H.S. many a time. Thank you for your effort & help to make me reach this first step
Florence Sorrell

Mrs. Brown,
I'm pretty sure now I'm going to make it every month you've been there. Keep your good work and your kindness and you will always be kept by the writers.
Peggie Jackson

Appreciation

The 1970 graduating class of Richmond County High School expresses its heartfelt appreciation to our faculty, alumni, patrons and to the business firms who helped make the publication of our yearbook a financial success. We realize that your interest and help contributed greatly to our successful publication.

We hope that our alumni and patrons will enjoy sharing this book about our days at Richmond County High School.

We urge our parents, alumni and all citizens of Richmond County to patronize those businesses that showed their concern by advertising in our yearbook.

Again, many thanks for your fine support.

Byron Veney
Advertising Manager

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Mr. Douglas Anderson, Music
B. S. – Virginia State College
Petersburg, Va.

Miss Ida R. Bracey, first Grade
B. S. – Winston Salem College
Winston Salem, N. C.

Miss Delories Bridges, first Grade
B. S. – Allen University
Columbia, S. C.

Miss Lillian Brown, fourth Grade
B. S. – Virginia State College
Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. Sarah Brown, Science
B. S. – Barber Scotia College
Concord, N. C.

Mrs. Virginia Brown, Assistant Principal
and seventh Grade
B. S. – Virginia Union University
Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Alice Gaines, second Grade
B. S. – Hampton Institute
Hampton, Va.

Mr. Joseph Hassell, Physical Education
B. S. – Norfolk State College
Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Alphonso G. Logan, Math.
B. S. – Virginia Union University
Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Lavinia Jackson, Home Economics
B. S. – Virginia State College
Petersburg, Va.

Mr. W. H. Mackey, Principal
B. S. – St. Paul College
Lawrenceville, Va.
M. S. – Virginia State College
Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. Priscilla J. Muse, sixth Grade
B. S. – Hampton Institute
Hampton, Va.

Miss Louise Roane, Librarian
B. S. – Virginia Union University
Richmond, Va.
B. S. – in L. S. – Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Meta Sampson, Social Studies
B. S. – Virginia State College
Petersburg, Va.

Mr. Preston Sampson, Business Ed.
B. S. – A & T State University
Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. Delores Sanders, fifth Grade
B. S. – Virginia State College
Petersburg, Va.

Miss Selitha Thompson, third Grade
B. S. – St. Paul College
Lawrenceville, Va.

Mr. W. H. Walker, Agriculture
B. S. – Virginia State College
Petersburg, Va.

Miss Carrie Whetstone, Math.
B. S. – Claflin College
Orangeburg, S. C.

Mr. Adolph White, English & French
B. S. – Virginia Union University
Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Vivian G. Wood, Guidance & English
B. S. – Shaw University
Raleigh, N. C.

Alumni Patrons

The first graduating class of Richmond County High School graduated in 1940. Since then, our graduates have gone into many areas of work. We attempted to contact all of them and invited them to become patrons. The following alumni responded.

Class of 1940:	Miss Lillian Brown, 4th. Grade Teacher, Richmond County High School Miss Corintha Brooks, Seafood Factory Employee, Warsaw, Va.
Class of 1941:	Mrs. Delores Saunders, 5th. Grade, Richmond County High School Dr. Vivian Gordon Howard, Associate Professor of Math., Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va.
Class of 1942:	Mrs. Alice Gordon Willis, Payroll Clerk, Virginia State College Petersburg, Va. Mr. Herman J. Sydnor, Jr., Education Specialist, Dept. of HEW, Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Dorothy Carey, Domestic Worker, Westfield, N. J. Mrs. Inez Darby, Housewife, Sharps, Va.
Class of 1943:	Mrs. Roberta Churchill Crosby, Social Studies Dept. Chairman, Baltimore County Public School, Graduate Student at John Hopkins University. Mrs. Mary Anderson, Cosmetologist, Warsaw, Va. Mr. Perry Thompson, Electrician, Warsaw, Va. Mrs. Aretha T. Crews, Teacher, Danville, Va.
Class of 1944:	Mrs. Mae Turner Outlaw, Postal Clerk, Baltimore, Md. Mr. Carroll Darby, Retired Air Force Mechanic USAF
Class of 1945:	Mr. Deyancie Monroe, Gov't. Inspector, Tobyhanna, Pa. Mrs. Helen Taylor Wells, Secretary, Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Esther Lewis Simon, Housewife, Westfield, N. J. Mrs. Nettie T. Crawford, IBM Key Punch Operator, Irving Trust Company Bank, New York, New York Mrs. Alma V. Drew, Housewife, Montclair, N. J.
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Class of 1947:	Mrs. Richard Anna Johnson Thompson, Scovill, Montross, Va. Mrs. Delores Shelton Ball, Housewife, Sharps, Va. Mrs. Hilda Taylor Robinson, Housewife, Warsaw, Va. Mrs. Princess Anne Kelsic Millard, Title I Project Coordinator, Wickliffe Street School, Newark, N. J.
Class of 1948:	Miss Selitha Thompson, 3rd. Grade, Richmond County High School Mrs. Evelyn Parker, Housewife, Warsaw, Va. Mrs. Beatrice Churchill Morris, Social Worker, Baltimore, Md.
Class of 1949:	Lt. Col. Morris L. Churchill, U. S. Army, Staff Member at U. S. Army Quartermaster School, Petersburg, Va.
Class of 1950	Lt. Col. Samuel Cox, U. S. Army, Graduate Student, George Washington University Attorney Thomas D. Taylor, Warsaw, Va.

Class of 1951:	Mrs. Falisha Corbin Carter, Special Education Teacher, Lively Primary School, Lively, Va. Mrs. Catherine Bundy, Warsaw, Va. Mrs. Nina Mitchell T. LeVere, Westmoreland Cleaners, Montross, Va. Mrs. Gloria Carter Outlaw, Kindergarten Teacher Mr. Ralph Churchill, Voucher Examiner, Williamsburg, Va.
Class of 1952:	Mr. Walter S. Ball, Real Estate Assessor and Student at St. Joseph College, Philadelphia, Pa.
Class of 1953:	Mrs. Virginia Burton Vauls, Accountant at Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md. Mr. James Hill, Truck Driver, Rappahannock Products, Inc. Tappahannock, Va.
Class of 1954:	Mrs. Jean Burton Cox, Secretary, Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Lucille Robinson Tate, Housewife, Warsaw, Va. Mr. Julian A. Wormley, Engineer Associate, Newark, N. J. Mrs. Shirley Brown Gray, Housewife, New Delhi, India.
Class of 1956:	Mr. Robert Laws, Music Instructor, A. T. Johnson High School Montross, Va.
Class of 1957:	Mr. Rudolph Veney, Life Insurance Underwriter, Newark, N. J. Mrs. Edith Cox Wormley, Sewing Machine Operator, Newark, N. J. Mrs. Mary Johnson Kelly, Purchasing Agent, Washington, D. C. Mr. Gerald Kelly, Medical Biological Technician, Washington, D. C. Mr. James Jackson, Farm Manager, Warsaw, Va.
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Class of 1961:	Mr. George Brown, District of Columbia Government Water Operator, Washington, D.C. Mrs. Geraldine Veney Johnson, Business Teacher, Washington, D.C. and Graduate Student at George Washington University.
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Class of 1967:	Mrs. Patricia Wood Walker, Engineering Data Clerk, Washington, D.C. Mrs. Janie Wood Braxton, Scovill, Montross, Va.
Class of 1968:	Miss Mary Ann Mackey, Student, Danville Community College, Danville, Va. Miss Patricia Shelton, Student, A. & T. State University, Greensboro, N. C. Mr. Reginald Jackson, Student, Norfolk State College, Norfolk, Va. Miss Rosalyn Parker, Student, Saint Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Va. Miss Vera Darby, Student, Saint Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Va. Pvt. Oscar Parker, U.S. Army Mr. William Matthews, Student, Norfolk State College, Norfolk, Va.
Class of 1969:	Miss Beatrice Robinson, Warsaw, Va. Miss Bernice Veney, Student at Electronic Computer Programming Institute, Richmond, Va.

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Parent Child

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Wheels Of

Inevitability;

It Comes Through

The Tireless Efforts

Of Man Willing

To Be Co–Workers

With God" . . .

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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be identified by this Graduating

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wish to salute you the graduating class of 1970. Through the years we have experienced a closeness and friendship that seems real.

We rejoice in your efforts and remember you have our prayers.

May God bless you in your hour of happy achievement.

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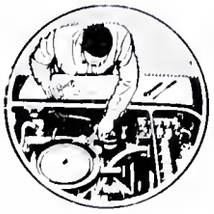

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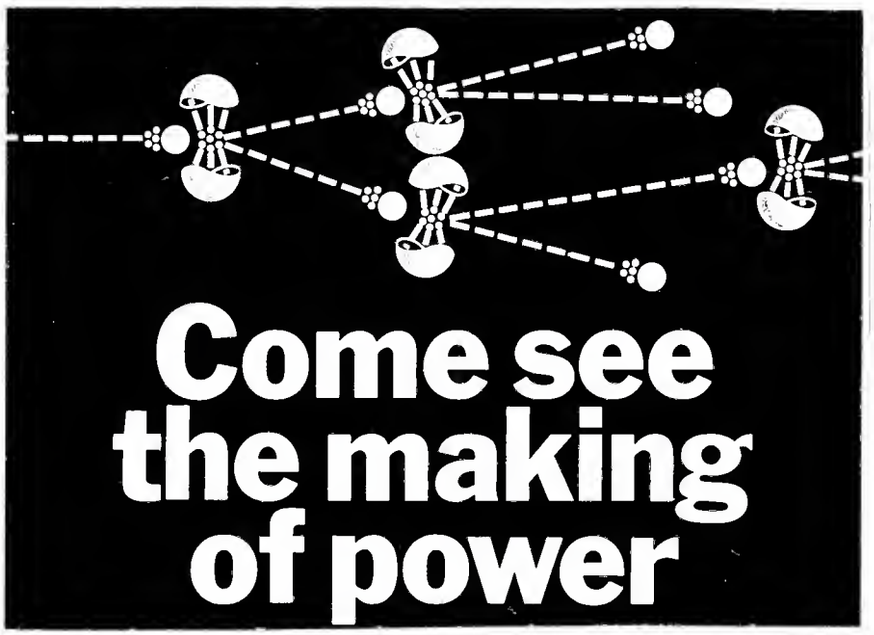

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